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Widespread damage across city result of severe weather

Crews on-site. Power outages, failing traffic lights and damaged trees reported in wake of high-speed winds

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Severe weather and high-speed winds in Saskatoon are keeping city employees busy and doing some severe damage throughout the city.

On Wednesday there were a number of power outages across the city, including in the southwest portion of Sutherland, in parts of City Park, Mount Royal and Westmount, and in Avalon and Queen Elizabeth.

"What we've seen is a weather-related event here in the city of Saskatoon," said Dan Paulsen, CFO, Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services. "Sustained winds are running in the range of 90 kilometres an hour and this has caused an awful lot of issues regarding trees, power lines and traffic."

Paulsen confirmed that all of the major power outages have been caused by falling trees. He said that restoring power will depend on the city's manpower.

"It's based on workload. You have to look at the staffing availabilities and we are trying to get it up as quick as we can. They haven't given us a specific time but they have been able to restore seven major grids since 9 a.m. this morning. Tremendous work has been done at this point.

One of the buildings affected by the power outages was the Mendel Art Gallery, and acting executive director Angela Larson said that the museum can't operate without power.

"We couldn't let anyone in because it was pitch black in there," said Larson, who noted the museum had no power from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

"We don't let the public in when the power's out," she said. "There was a couple school groups coming, but before they even got here they turned around because of the weather."

Alongside power outages, the city also saw failing traffic lights, and a high number of damaged trees have also been reported. A release from the city said Saskatoon "has dispatched all available resources to assess the damages and investigate reports," and says "crews are on-site at critical intersections with power generators to keep traffic moving."

Bob Finley, who has lived in Saskatoon since 1950, says he's quite saddened by some of the damage, speaking of a partially fallen tree in front of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

"That's a mighty old tree — it must have been there 60, 70 years — maybe longer," said Finley. "I've lived here since 1950 and the trees were here long before that.... It's sad."

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Bob Finley, a resident who has lived in Saskatoon since 1950, walks around a fallen tree on Spadina Crescent East. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Rider fans shut out

Too much talk on Roughriders forums prompted the football club to stop fans from watching the team practise PAGE 3

Sorrow out of the ruins

Rescue workers in Elliot Lake, Ont., bowed their heads as two bodies were lifted out of the partially collapsed mall's debris Wednesday PAGE 6

Group made Motown magic

Metro chats with one of the members of the Funk Brothers ahead of their gig at the SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival this weekend PAGE 12

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Medical breakthrough

U of S, UBC scientists discover Parkinson's gene

A combined effort by University of Saskatchewan and University of British Columbia scientists has resulted in the identification of a Parkinson's disease gene.

Saskatchewan Mennonite families were the subjects of the study.

Matthew Farrer, a UBC genetics professor who led the study, found that the abnormal gene is a mutated version of a gene called DNAJC13. METRO

Vehicle break-ins

Hampton Village vandals caught

The Saskatoon Police Service have taken four young offenders into custody following it being determined that they had been responsible for entering various vehicles in the Hampton Village neighbourhood early in the morning on June 27. METRO

Police investigation

Stabbing on 20th Street

On June 27 at 12:26 a.m., Saskatoon Police Service was dispatched to the 1900 block of 20th Street West due to reports of an injured person in the residence at this address.

The SPS discovered a 19-year-old man who was suffering from multiple, non-life-threatening puncture wounds. He was transported to Royal University Hospital, where he was treated for his injuries and is presently in stable condition.

No arrests have been made. Police are still investigating the incident. METRO

Roughriders head coach Corey Chamblin after Riders practice on Wednesday. Chamblin and the Riders organization decided to reduce fans' access to team practices after they learned some attendees were sharing their observations online. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Rider fans feel left out

Team practice closed to public.
Club unhappy about fan forums sharing observations online

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There was something missing at Wednesday's Roughriders practice. The atmosphere there was markedly different and it wasn't just the strong winds that were cutting through the stadium that made it feel this way.

There were no fans in the stands watching. Riders supporters have been attending team practices for years, but on Tuesday they were issued a letter from the team.

"On behalf of the Roughriders football club I would like to inform you that we will be closing Day 2 and Day 3 practices to the public, effective tomorrow," said the letter from head coach Corey Chamblin.

Practice attendees had allegedly been over-sharing their Roughriders observations online in Roughriders fan forums. Riders staff feared that this information could be used by opposing teams against the Riders.

Some are upset by this change in policy.

"They (the fans) should have got a warning," said Doug Schmidt, a longtime football fan. "They should have told the fans that if this keeps going on we are going to close practice. But they didn't; they just shut it right down."

Riders training camp on Wednesday continued as normal despite the team warning that it could be cut short due to the intense wind.

"I was trying to protect them (the fans). I didn't want them to get caught in this wind," joked Chamblin on Wednesday.

Fans still have access to Riders practice on Day 1 of the practice schedule as well as the Day 4 stadium walk-through before a home game.

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Quoted

"The practices that are open to the public are just going to be generic things. For the real fan that knows what is going on, they won't get anything out of it."
Doug Schmidt, a longtime football fan

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On the web

Robot rocks paper-scissors game

Researchers at the University of Tokyo are billing it as a showpiece for what they describe as human-machine co-operation systems: a robot arm that will mercilessly thrash you in a game of "janken," or rock-paper-scissors. Go to metronews.ca to read the full story.

Mobile news

A softer side to all the rucking and mauling: Members of Canada's national women's rugby team have bared all in a calendar aimed at promoting positive body images and raising a little cash ahead of Summer Olympics in 2016. Scan the code to read the full story.

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Workshop helps students get jazzed about music

TD Jazz Intensive. Workshop will allow students to learn the intricacies of jazz from internationally acclaimed musicians

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If you're walking through the music department at the U of S this week, you might hear New Orleans-style jazz or maybe some jazz improv — or someone's voice saying, "Yeah, man, you gotta really lean into those notes."

What you're hearing is the TD Jazz Intensive — a week-long workshop enabling high school and university students to learn the intricacies of playing jazz from internationally acclaimed musicians.

"It's a win-win scenario for them (the students) because they get a whole bunch of instruction that they just don't get during the year," said Mark DeJong, workshop coordinator and faculty member. "A lot of band teachers just don't have time to get into the improv stuff."

For Soren Nissen, a current clinician and past participant, the workshop allowed him to see "how amazing music is, as an expression."

Nissen said the workshop teaches a lot of things about jazz that are hard to find in Saskatoon.

"It's a very unique program and teaches in a very unique way," he said.

DeJong says a significant aspect of what the students learn comes from the daily interactions between faculty and students.

"None of the faculty comes in with an attitude — no one has an ego, and the students need to see that," said DeJong. "That's also part of our philosophy, too, for them to understand that for the greatest players, there is no room for egos."

Musicians take part in the TD Jazz Intensive at the University of Saskatchewan. The workshop runs parallel to the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

In concert

Students and faculty of the TD Jazz Intensive will play a final concert on Saturday at 1 p.m. at The Bassment.

- You can also see faculty play as the Outer Bridge Ensemble, hosting jam sessions at the Bassment on Friday.

Get ready for the races

A popular summer attraction, horse racing at Marquis Downs in Saskatoon, has something for everybody.

Featuring live races and jockeys from around the world every weekend until the end of summer, Marquis Downs is the exclusive location for horse-racing events in the city.

Rick Fior, manager of racing at Marquis Downs, said that horse racing appeals to all ages and demographics, and not just those wishing to wager.

"It's for everybody. You can bring out the kids, you can be old, you can be young, you can be high school students or university students," said Fior.

Spectator and former Marquis Downs employee Kyle Ireland agrees. "It's lots of fun and a great family atmosphere."

Fior thinks the racing format at Marquis Downs is unique and offers spectators an opportunity to watch a wide variety of horses take to the track.

"Each race has its own set of horses and is its own separate event. No two horses run on the same night," he said.

Marquis Downs is located by Prairieland Park on the east side of the city. Admission to races is free, as is venue parking.

Visit marquisdowns.com for a list of scheduled races and events this summer.

DORIAN GEIGER/METRO

Horse racing at Marquis Downs in Saskatoon is in full swing. The venue will feature races every weekend this summer. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Film and television.
Supporters say end of tax credit will kill industry

Supporters of the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit are saying the end of the tax credit marks the end of an era for the film industry in Saskatchewan.

"This Saturday marks the deadline for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit and the end of the vibrant and successful Saskatchewan film industry as we know it," said a press release from the Saskatchewan Media Production Industry Association (SMPIA).

The release said members feel a new non-refundable program that was put in place won't work.

"Our industry has worked very hard to reach a workable agreement with government leaders, but despite our best efforts, the government has continued to proceed with a non-refundable program that has proven to be ineffective in the few jurisdictions that have actually pursued such a model," SMPIA president Ron Goetz said in a release.

"As it stands, the loss of the tax credit has effectively put an end to Saskatchewan's role as a major market for film and television production."

Goetz noted members of the industry — himself included — will now be moving out of the province "to secure a viable future in the industry." Holly Baird, a spokesperson for SMPIA, said the majority of industry members will make the move.

Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, Kevin Doherty, told Metro in a previous interview even though he's willing to sit down with representatives of the industry to see if they can find new ways of looking at things, a reinstatement of the credit is off the table.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Marijuana. Examiner rules out bath salts in Miami cannibal case

A Florida medical examiner says only marijuana was found in the system of a Florida man shot while chewing another man's face.

The Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner released the toxicology results Tuesday on 31-year-old Rudy Eugene. Lab results found marijuana in his system, but not any other street drugs, alcohol or prescription drugs. The department has ruled out the most common components found in the street drugs known as bath salts. An outside forensic toxicology lab also confirmed the results. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The attack

Surveillance video captured 65-year-old Ronald Poppo being attacked by Rudy Eugene on May 26.

- A police officer shot and killed Eugene, who bit into Poppo's face in broad daylight alongside a busy highway.
- Police have not released a motive for the attack on Poppo, who had been homeless for decades.

Intellectuals

Russians call for release of jailed punk feminists

Dozens of Russian intellectuals have signed an open letter calling on the Kremlin to release feminist punk rockers who face up to seven years in jail for staging a prank prayer against President Vladimir Putin. Three members of the Pussy Riot band were arrested after their February prank prayer at Moscow's Christ the Savior cathedral, in which they asked Mother Mary to deliver Russia from Putin's return to the Kremlin for a third term. The letter, signed by at least 112 writers, film stars and rock musicians says that the upcoming trial would divide Russian society. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian, Chinese militaries proving good sports on the pitch

Chinese sailors belt out their national anthem prior to a friendly soccer game between members of the Canadian navy and their Chinese counterparts at Saint Mary's University on Wednesday morning. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO IN HALIFAX

Soccer. Chinese navy vessel docked in Halifax during globe-spanning goodwill tour

For Canadian and Chinese military personnel, bridging the language barrier can be difficult.

Few from either country spoke the other's language at Huskies Stadium in Halifax on Wednesday morning, aside from some interpreters and an embassy representative.

But no matter one's native tongue, Capt. Richard Gravel, commanding officer at Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott, said everyone understands the camaraderie of a good, friendly game of soccer.

"It's a great way to make friends. Even if you don't talk to each other, sport is the great equalizer," Gravel said, while watching from action from the stadium sidelines on the Saint Mary's University campus.

"You shake the guy's hand and pick him up if you knock him down. Sport is a great way to get together and have some friendly competition."

Members of the Canadian navy and a few representatives from the army and air force played crew-members of the Zheng He, a Chinese ship docked in Halifax this week, as part of the Chinese navy's first visit to the city.

The Zheng He has been on a worldwide trip for the last two months to spread goodwill among China's allies. It visited Europe and parts of Asia before heading here. It will leave on Thursday, bound for Jamaica and Ecuador.

Senior officers from Canada and China had been meeting since the vessel arrived Monday, but for the majority of the crew-members the match was their first chance to meet face to face.

"It's a symbol of friendship and co-operation between the Chinese navy and Canadian Forces," said Bin Zheng, a representative from the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa.

"It's important for us to know each other and understand each other and pave the road for future co-operation."

SPENCER BUELL/METRO IN HALIFAX

Afghan torture. Military police cleared, Tories' stalling tactics assailed

Canadian military police officers have been cleared of wrongdoing by a commission that investigated explosive allegations of prisoner torture in Afghan jails.

The commission concluded the cops were kept in the dark.

The issue rocked Canadian politics starting in 2007 and threatened to topple Prime Minister Stephen Harper's minority government in late 2009 — a fate the Conservatives avoided by shutting down Parliament.

The Military Police Complaints Commission, in a long-awaited report, concluded the officers had no grounds to open an investigation into the treatment of suspected Taliban prisoners after they were handed over to local authorities in Kandahar.

The watchdog agency said the police were kept out of the loop by the Ottawa-based overseas command that ran the war.

It did not share critical information and warnings that might have prompted an investigation, the agency said.

Both Amnesty and civil-liberties activists began sounding warnings about conditions in Afghan prisons in late 2005 when Canada decided to transfer prisoners captured during the combat mission to local authorities, rather than the U.S.

The commission ripped into Stephen Harper's Conservative government for blocking access to witnesses and documents and presenting "an overall attitude of antipathy ... toward the commission and its task." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Opposition outrage

Opposition critics were quick to condemn the government for its handling of the issue.

- **NDP.** Foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar said the government stonewalled efforts to get to the bottom of the matter.
- **Liberals.** Defence critic John McKay said the government tried to protect itself. "Prime Minister Harper yet again chose to look after Prime Minister Harper."

Drama on parade. Soldier falls and stabs himself with his own bayonet

A 20-year-old member of the Governor General's Foot Guards fell during a ceremonial parade on Parliament Hill Wednesday, stabbing himself in the forearm with his gun-mounted bayonet.

Capt. John-Hugh MacDonald, a spokesperson for the ceremonial guard, said the accident happened as the soldiers were leaving Parliament Hill at the end of the Changing of the Guards ceremony at about 10:30 a.m.

"He went onto a steel manhole cover while he was turning and that caused him to lose his footing," MacDonald said.

"He slipped and fell and was pierced by his bayonet in the left arm."

Paramedics described his injury as a "severe stab wound" and said it led to "severe blood loss."

MacDonald added: "The soldier is still in the hospital but he's in good spirits." METRO IN OTTAWA

Liberal race

Deborah Coyne's idea? A run for the leadership

Liberals heading into a leadership contest could face a choice between Pierre Trudeau's eldest son and the mother of his only daughter.

Justin Trudeau is considering whether to run. And now Toronto lawyer Deborah Coyne, 57, is taking the plunge with an "idea-based campaign." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Federal crackdown

Health experts to watch effects of refugee cuts

Health-care providers across the country will monitor what they say will be the adverse effects of federal cuts to health-care benefits for refugees.

The Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care says the cuts could have deadly consequences as refugees arrive with problems often related to conditions abroad. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rescue workers show their respect by removing their hard hats as a body is carried out of the Elliot Lake, Ont., wreckage. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Out of the rubble, the final sadness

Elliot Lake tragedy. Rescue mission turns to recovery operation as two bodies are removed from collapsed mall debris

Premier grieves, too

"We live in a big province, but it feels a lot smaller at a time like this as Ontarians come together to support the people of Elliot Lake. Together, we will lift them up as they recover from this tragedy."

Premier Dalton McGuinty

Search-and-rescue workers removed their hats and bowed their heads in sorrow Wednesday as two bodies were removed from the wreckage of a partially collapsed shopping mall in Elliot Lake, Ont.

Crews who had spent the past two days sifting through the rubble of the Algo Centre Mall used sophisticated equipment to try to clear a path to anyone who may have survived when a roof came crashing down through the two-storey building.

In the end, however, the rescue mission became a recovery operation.

Officials said crew members had only to search one 12-metre-long pile of rubble before wrapping up the operation Wednesday.

The bodies were removed after a specialized robotic arm worked through the night to clear a path through the debris that accumulated when a section of the roof crashed through the two-storey building on Saturday.

The operation required crews to orchestrate the collapse of a precariously balanced escalator and remove slabs of concrete.

The removal of the bodies marked a tragic culmination of a risky rescue operation that many said came too late.

Elliot Lake Mayor Rick Hamilton called it "a deep, deep tragedy" — one that affects not just the victims and their families but the entire community.

"It's with heavy hearts and the deepest condolences on behalf of every citizen in Elliot Lake that we offer our condolences to the families," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cuts put rescue teams at risk, feds told

The Harper government was warned cutting federal funding would likely cripple rescue teams like the one working at a caved-in mall in Elliot Lake, Ont.

Public Safety Canada evaluated the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue units five years ago and found that without funding from Ottawa, there was a risk some or all of the teams would not survive.

"There is a need for the federal government to continue contributions to build capacity and capability for teams focused on Heavy Urban Search and Rescue," the report found.

A Heavy Urban Search and Rescue unit from Toronto has been leading operations in Elliot Lake, where a mall roof collapsed Saturday afternoon. Two bodies have been found.

The September 2007 Public Safety report lauded the teams as a "national resource." The units are based in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Halifax and Manitoba.

The lion's share of funding for Canada's five Heavy Urban Search and Rescue units comes from the federal Joint Emergency Preparedness Program. But the Conservatives quietly axed the program in the March budget.

A Public Safety official told the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs in April that federal funding for the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program will end next year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Queen, IRA icon's grip-and-grin symbolizes truce

Irish republicanism. Queen kept smiling as she shared a stage with a man linked to the killing of her cousin Lord Louis Mountbatten

Queen Elizabeth II and a former Irish Republican Army commander offered each other the hand of peace Wednesday in a long-awaited encounter symbolizing Northern Ireland's progress in achieving reconciliation after decades of violence.

The monarch and Martin McGuinness met privately inside Belfast's riverside Lyric Theatre during a cross-community arts event featuring Northern Ireland musicians, poets and artists.

Media were barred from seeing their first handshake during an ice-breaker over coffee and tea. But the two shook hands again a half-hour later for the cameras' benefit, documenting a moment that would have been inconceivable back in the days when IRA leaders were plotting to kill the British Royal Family. McGuinness' Irish nationalist Sinn Fein party had never attended a royal function before.

Underlying the sensitivity of the occasion, no live footage or sound was permitted to be broadcast. Outside, flak-jacketed police shut down all roads surrounding the theatre and told residents to stay inside their homes.

Both smiled broadly as McGuinness took the Queen's white-gloved hand and spoke to her for about five seconds. Afterward McGuinness said he had told her in Gaelic — a language neither of them speaks — "Slán agus beannacht" and told her this meant "goodbye and godspeed." The latter word actually means "blessing."

The 86-year-old head of state, resplendent in a suit and broad-brimmed hat of matching apple green, didn't speak but kept smiling as she shared a stage with a man linked to the killing of her cousin Lord Louis Mountbatten. Experts on Irish republicanism say McGuinness, 62, was the IRA's chief of staff when the outlawed group blew up Mountbatten's yacht in 1979, killing the 79-year-old and three others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Let it reign?

"If I may give voice to the oft-declared desire of the people of Northern Ireland, on whose loyalty and support you can always depend: Long may you reign over us."

Peter Robinson, the Protestant head of Northern Ireland's power-sharing government. Martin McGuinness did not attend this part of the royal ceremonies.

Queen Elizabeth II shakes hands with Northern Ireland Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness, a former IRA commander, as First Minister Peter Robinson watches in Belfast on Wednesday. PAUL FAITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Compromise

It's been a long time coming

The event marked the latest moment in Northern Ireland peacemaking that has delivered a series of once-unthinkable moments of compromise.

Irish republicans long had rebuffed invitations to attend British royal events that occur regularly in Northern Ireland. But analysts said McGuinness' U-turn became inevitable once the Queen made her first state visit to the Republic of Ireland in May 2011, where she honoured Irish rebels who died fighting for independence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2006 HYUNDAI SANTA FE	WAS $14,995	NOW $10,995	$59 WEEKLY
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Residents evacuate as Colorado wildfire torches houses, land

Waldo Canyon Fire.
No injuries reported yet as fire burns through about 4 hectares of Air Force Academy land

A raging wildfire destroyed dozens of houses overnight and charred land on the edges of the U.S. Air Force Academy on Wednesday, while thick smoke and intense, towering flames kept officials from learning the full scope of damage to Colorado's second-largest city.

The wildfire doubled in size overnight to about 62 square kilometres, and has so far forced mandatory evacuations for more than 32,000 residents, Colorado Springs emergency-management director Brett Waters said. Among those urgently evacuated Tuesday evening were residents at the academy.

The fire burned about four hectares of land along the southwest boundary of the academy's 72.5-square-kilometre boundary, but no injuries or damage to academy structures have been reported.

Steve Cox, an aide to Mayor Steve Bach, said Wednesday morning that the blaze has consumed dozens of houses elsewhere. A more precise figure wasn't available because of the intensity of the fire.

Heavy smoke and ash billowed from the mountain foothills west of the city. Bright yellow and orange flames flared in the night, often signalling another home lost to the Waldo Canyon Fire, which is the No. 1 priority for U.S. firefighters.

The White House said President Barack Obama would tour the fire area on Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Waldo Canyon fire burns an entire neighborhood near the foothills of Colorado Springs, Colo., late Tuesday. HELEN H. RICHARDSON/THE DENVER POST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blazing West

Extreme heat has caused more wildfires in Western states.

- A blaze in central Utah has burned down 56 structures, the majority of which are homes, officials said Wednesday. Authorities are about halfway through their damage assessment of a fire that has burned about 18,616 hectares. Officials returned to an evacuated area and found a woman dead Tuesday.
- A wildfire north of Billings, Mont., caused hundreds of families to be evacuated from their homes as the blaze burned more than 7,285 hectares. Musselshell County Attorney Kent Sipe told The Billings Gazette that at least 60 homes had burned.

Tropical storm leaves Florida in soggy state

Florida National Guard troops drive through floodwater as they patrol in Live Oak, Fla., on Wednesday. DAVE MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tropical Storm Debby dumped more than 60 centimetres of rain on Florida, inundated many homes and washed out roads before moving off the Atlantic coast Wednesday.

The storm was downgraded to a tropical depression Tuesday as it slogged across northern Florida, leaving some areas in several feet of water. Debby knocked out power to thousands of people, and ruined vacations for some, as it lingered in the Gulf for several days before washing ashore.

Along the Panhandle, some people were using boats to get back into their homes to remove valuables. Wakulla County Commission Chairman Alan Brock said residents can't remember flooding ever being this bad.

"It's not just people on the river, it's neighbourhoods, it's places that have never been flooded," Brock said. "It's pretty heartbreaking. It's people who have built on hills and never expected water and because of that don't have flood insurance and now their homes are destroyed."

Washed out

"The water came in so fast last night. We were lucky to get out what we could. My shed is underwater."
Jorge Torres of Live Oak, Fla.

Many in Debby's path were still recovering. Water was up to the roofs at some homes in low-lying areas of Live Oak. Several feet of water remained around businesses in downtown near the courthouse and many roads were impassable.

For days, vacationers wore ponchos instead of swimsuits during the peak of the summer season. Disney World wasn't as crowded as usual Tuesday, and one of its water parks closed because of the soggy, windy weather.

A woman was killed in a tornado spun off from the storm Sunday, and a man disappeared in the rough surf over the weekend in Alabama. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Left in the cold

Winnipeg man pleads guilty to mistaken murder

A Winnipeg man has pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of a man he mistakenly thought was trying to break into his sister's apartment.

Zenon Bozynski, who was 48, died of hypothermia outside a rooming house on Jan. 15, 2011.

The court heard Bozynski was drunk and had forgotten his keys, so he knocked on the door of a neighbouring apartment.

The woman inside thought he was trying to break in, so she called police and texted her brother Jamie Morriseau.

Morriseau beat up Bozynski along with a co-accused.

Police never responded to the call, and Bozynski was outside in -32 temperatures — with no jacket — for six hours before a neighbour found him dead.

Morriseau was originally charged with second-degree murder until it was determined the beating was not the cause of death.

He has been released on bail until his sentencing in November. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cross-Canada

55-year-old cyclist plans to beat his own world record

You would think that cycling across the entire country and breaking a Guinness World Record would be enough of an accomplishment for a 55-year-old grandfather, but Arvid Loewen is about to cycle across Canada one more time, and hopefully beat his own record.

In 2011, the Winnipegger cycled 6,040 kilometres from Vancouver to Halifax in 13 days, six hours and 13 minutes, breaking the record for the fastest cycle across Canada. On July 3, he will cycle the same route, hoping to beat his own time. METRO WINNIPEG

Arvid Loewen METRO WINNIPEG

Lebanese prison

Jailed farmer says he didn't get help from government

A New Brunswick farmer who spent 373 days in a Lebanese jail on accusations he exported rotten potatoes to Algeria says the Canadian government did nothing to help get him home.

In an interview with The Canadian Press today, Henk Tepper of Drummond says the Canadian ambassador in Beirut told him he would be sent to Algeria to face charges there.

Diane Ablonczy, the federal minister of state for foreign affairs, has said the federal government used "quiet diplomacy" to help secure Tepper's release in March.

Tepper says consular officials also told him they were in daily contact with his family, but that wasn't always the case.

No one from Ablonczy's office was immediately available for comment on Tepper's comments, who agreed to be interviewed for the first time since his release.

Tepper was arrested in Lebanon on March 23, 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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VIA Rail to cut services nationwide

'Customer needs'. Government-owned passenger-rail service announces its plan to cut 200 unionized jobs

VIA Rail expects to cut 200 unionized jobs, or about nine per cent of its workforce, as the government-owned passenger-rail service reduces trips on lines across the country.

No routes are being eliminated, and some in the busy Montreal-Toronto corridor will be increased. But by the end of October, routes in most other areas will see less-frequent service.

"We are aligning our services with customer needs and consolidating our resources where there is a demand," VIA president and CEO Marc Laliberte said Wednesday.

Trip frequencies are being cut on some of big routes, including the Montreal to Halifax line — "The Ocean" — which will be cut to three from six round trips a week.

In the West, "The Canadian" — VIA's only Toronto-to-Vancouver route — will be reduced to two from three round trips a week in the off-season (October to April). Service during peak season will remain at three trips weekly.

There will also be reductions in southwestern Ontario, where GO Transit and other services are available to commuters. London, Aldershot, Kitchener, Niagara Falls and other cities will see reduced VIA service.

The cuts come after the federal government's March budget which cut $41 million in subsidies to VIA over three years, but the company insists the trip reductions and job losses are driven by weak off-season demand.

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Google challenges Amazon

Product-management director Hugo Barra, at the Google I/O conference in San Francisco on Wednesday, unveils Google's challenge to Amazon's Kindle Fire — the new Google Nexus7, which will sell for $199 US. Google also made prototypes of its futuristic, Internet-connected glasses available for people to test out. Project Glass will only be sold for $1,500 to people attending its annual conference for computer programmers.

PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Public service. Tories issue more layoff notifications

A fourth wave of job-loss notifications washed over the federal public service Wednesday as the Conservatives appeared to be trying to shore up support for the cuts.

Union leaders reported that just over 5,000 employees in more than 13 departments were told they could lose their jobs as the government seeks to slash spending.

The job-loss notices were juxtaposed with a series of Conservative government press releases highlighting both spending and saving initiatives.

Unions have long accused the government of being too secretive about the cuts, and their concerns were bolstered last week by another battle in the continuing war between the parliamentary budget officer and the Tories.

Kevin Page published a legal opinion stating that 64 federal departments and agencies are breaking the law by withholding basic information on the 2012 budget from him, prompting the government to accuse him of overstepping his mandate.

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Public disservice

"We need Stephen Harper and his ministers to stop hiding behind spin and start talking to all Canadians about the services we are losing."

Robyn Benson, president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada

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MYTH BUSTERS: NEWSROOM EDITION

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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It's unanimous: Journalists love Aaron Sorkin's The Newsroom.

That's not to say they enjoy the new TV show. The critical consensus according to Metacritic is "generally causing critics to throw up in their mouths a little."

But journalists love the chance it gives us to gaze at our navels. In this case, we media types love to tut-tut when something happens on a fictional news show that wouldn't happen in real life.

Sure, we can watch an Indiana Jones movie and never think, "An archeologist probably wouldn't use a 5,000-year-old religious artifact as a snowboard, even if he was being chased by a Panzer tank."

But if we're watching a television show about news, suddenly we demand TV be a perfect reflection of reality. "He's having a beer at lunch!" We crow, "He'll be sleepy all afternoon! And he's figuring out the tip without his phone! So he can do math?! While you're at it, why don't you give him X-ray vision?"

We're a bit defensive because we're misunderstood. About 10 per cent of the population thinks we're noble crusaders against tyranny and injustice, an expectation that only a scant few live up to. And about 90 per cent of the population thinks we're pond scum.

With that in mind, here are some myths and realities about journalists I keep stored in my navel. Let's clear a few things up.

MYTH: Given The Newsroom is a Sorkin production, you can bet the characters will constantly be walking and talking. They'll barge into offices, they'll talk as they barrel down hallways. It's an important world, and they are on the move.

REALITY: Most journalists spend so much time in their chairs that their posture is roughly equivalent to Gollum from The Lord of the Rings. (Exception: People on their way to a smoke break.)

MYTH: We're all lefty pinkos.

REALITY: We're mostly lefty pinkos.

MYTH: Retweets are not endorsements.

REALITY: Yeah, sure.

MYTH: We are evil and smart. Just read the comments underneath online stories. (WARNING: By comment No. 10, this will officially drop your IQ to "avocado.") Comments teach us that reporters are liberal/conservative minions of the NDP/Conservatives who slant every story to bolster high taxes/the oilsands.

REALITY: We are well-meaning and not that bright. Most journalists want to make the world a better place, but don't have the first clue how to do that. So instead we write pieces that, for instance, illustrate that people at the gas station don't like high gas prices. (Also, most journalists have stopped reading the comments, so feel free to stop writing them.)

MYTH: We are well paid.

REALITY: Three words: Ha ha ha.

To sum up, we reporters are unhealthy, disillusioned, sarcastic and do not value your opinion. I hope that clears up any negative preconceptions you may have had.

And if you disagree with anything I said here, please, send me a comment.

Jeff Daniels in The Newsroom. CONTRIBUTED

Making footprints beak-ause

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Elephant conservation

Penguin stomps his feet for a cause

A Fiordland penguin named Mr. Munro leaves his paint prints on a canvas at Taronga Zoo Wednesday in Sydney, Australia. Taronga and Western Plains Zoo pledged a new elephant-conservation project in Thailand, and animals at Taronga made their pledge by dipping their feet and hands in paint and smudging them on canvas. GETTY IMAGES

Printed with paint

- The animals included an elephant, a Quokka (a small marsupial), a seal and a penguin.
- 4,000 animals at the zoo have dipped their paws in paint to promote awareness of animal conservation.
- In order to protect elephants from humans, two guard stations and a chain of outposts on the park grounds will be built at the Thailand site.

Tuka the Komodo dragon leaves his paw mark.

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Taronga, in a joint effort with Zoos Victoria, is helping fund the $100,000 project.

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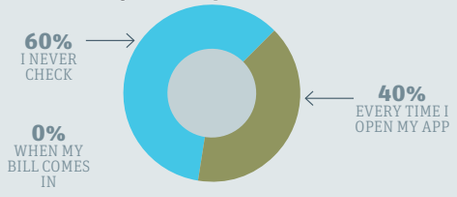

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Hitting up the sask jazz festival with my sister #saskjazz

@norm_fisher:
C'mon down to the Sask Jazz Festival free stage. The weather's warm, the music's hot and the beer is cold.

@kristyjoanne_:
Just saw a power line explode #yxe

@craighutchy:
Why do tennis players warm up with each other? What other sport would you mix with opposition pre match??

@jtrainprince:
#yxe Home again, home again, jiggity jig. Made it in late last night. Pilot flew south to the Dakotas then straight up. #skstorm

@D_Beezy10:
No matter what anyone says, Yeah by usher and lil Jon still makes anyone dance.

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Scene in brief

Jack White to practise Voodoo

Touring in support of his critically acclaimed debut solo album Blunderbuss, Jack White has been added to the lineup for the 2012 Voodoo Music and Arts Experience. White joins other headliners for the event, set for Oct. 26 to 28, including Grammy-Award-winning trio Green Day and Neil Young & Crazy Horse. Other talent previously announced include The Avett Brothers, electronic dance music star Skrillex, Justice, Tomahawk, Say Anything, funk bassist Bootsy Collins, blues-rock guitarist Gary Clark Jr. and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

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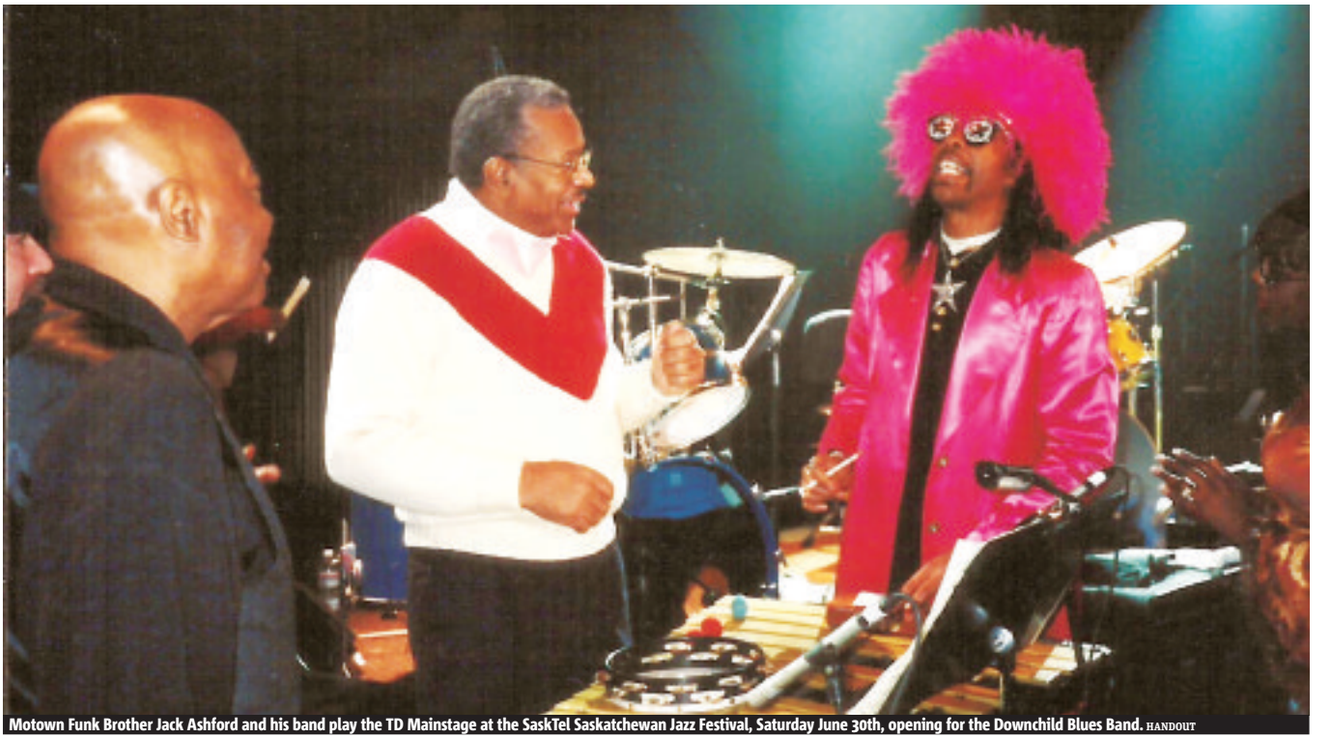
On the web

Mandy Moore helps Dove promote importance of 'real-women' role models



Motown Funk Brother Jack Ashford and his band play the TD Mainstage at the SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, Saturday June 30th, opening for the Downchild Blues Band. HANDOUT

From shadows to spotlight

Saskatchewan Jazz Festival. The Funk Brothers will perform and share tales of the music industry this weekend

BACKSTAGE PASS
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You may have never heard of musicians named Joe Hunter, Robert White or Jack Ashford, but you've likely heard their music. They are members of a group known as the Funk Brothers, who backed up virtually every Motown artist in the '60s and '70s, contributing to dozens of hits.

"You don't realize you're making history because you're living it," Ashford said in a telephone interview from his home in Memphis. "All you know is that you're having fun."

The Funk Brothers worked in obscurity and their contributions went largely unrecognized until the release of a 2002 documentary Standing in the Shadows of Motown.

Although it shed overdue light on the accomplishments of Ashford and his fellow musicians, and boosted his career, he has mixed feelings about the film.

"It was a blessing and a curse," Ashford said.

He says the film's producer knew nothing about Motown when he set out to make the film and took liberties with the facts and used unreliable sources for his information.

Breaking records

Jack Ashford and the rest of the Motown Funk Brothers are said to have played on more number one hits than The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Elvis Presley and the Beach Boys combined.

- Some of their best-known songs are: I Heard it Through the Grapevine, Baby Love, The Tears of a Clown, What's Going On, How Sweet it Is, The Tracks of My Tears and Let's Get it On

While the film claims there were 13 Funk Brothers, Ashford insists there were only 12.

Ashford participated in the documentary, but he is even troubled by its inaccuracy. In it he relates a story about bass player James Jamerson lying on the floor during a Marvin Gaye recording session. He says he was coerced into repeating the legend and that it wasn't true.

"I told (the Producer) 'If you knew Marvin Gaye, you would know that would never happen,'" Ashford said. "And Berry (Gordy) ran a tight ship."

"That part of the movie is very sad for me. James was my friend and to depict him as doing something bizarre… I'm really sorry about that. But I can't change it."

Now Ashford is focused on getting what he calls the real story out there.

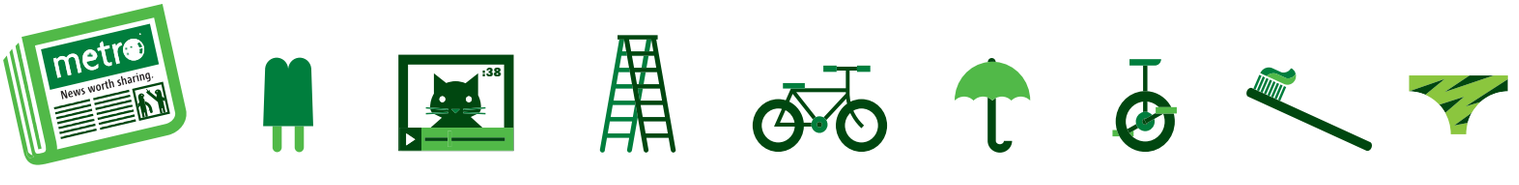
"At this stage of my life, my mission is to carry the banner of the Funk Brothers and Motown with dignity and respect, because it was such an important part of music history."

Ashford will be sharing stories from that golden age at a workshop during the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, where fans will have the opportunity to ask him questions.

He'll also share the music itself and demonstrate his unique tambourine playing style as he takes the stage Saturday night with his new band of brothers. And although it's been a roller-coaster ride getting to the point where his work is acknowledged, he's enjoying stepping out of the shadows.

"I've been waiting 40 years for this; I'm going to make the best of it."

Sharability



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Queen of the rom-com, Nora Ephron leaves behind a trail-blazing legacy

Remembering a humorist. Writer set the standard for mixing comedy and romance, and penning parts for Meg Ryan

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Nora Ephron wrote some of the best (and earliest) romantic comedies. GETTY IMAGES

The infamous orgasm scene in When Harry Met Sally was a game-changer for female sexuality in film. HANDOUT

Screenwriter, director and author Nora Ephron died Tuesday in California at the age of 71 after a private battle with leukemia. She leaves behind a body of work that includes When Harry Met Sally, Sleepless and Seattle and Julie and Julia. Here are some things pop culture would be missing without Ephron.

The modern romantic comedy

With films like When Harry Met Sally and Sleepless in Seattle, Ephron set the standard for the rom-coms of today — and everyone else has just been trying to match her. In fact, those two films often end up duking it out for the top spot on Best Romantic Comedy lists.

That orgasm scene

Speaking of When Harry Met Sally, the film's most famous scene features Meg Ryan proving to Billy Crystal just how convincingly a woman can fake an orgasm. But aside from being outrageously funny, it also pushed frank discussions of female sexuality forward in a way mainstream movies usually can't. The scene also turned "I'll have what she's having" into a catchphrase.

Meg Ryan's career

Meg Ryan's greatest screen successes came in a trio of romantic comedies either written or directed by Ephron: When Harry Met Sally, Sleepless in Seattle and You've Got Mail. She's never been better than when working with Ephron.

Meryl Streep as Julia Child

Sure, Streep might have won an Oscar for playing Margaret Thatcher in the Iron Lady and was only nominated for one for Julie and Julia, but her job of transforming into the famous chef was just as amazing — and a lot funnier. Streep also brought Ephron's words to life in Silkwood and Heartburn, the latter based on Ephron's marriage to Carl Bernstein.

Loads of wisdom

Ephron, an avid columnist and author as well as a filmmaker, leaves behind plenty of advice for living a better life, like this gem: "You do get to a certain point in life where you have to realistically, I think, understand that the days are getting shorter, and you can't put things off thinking you'll get to them someday. If you really want to do them, you better do them. There are simply too many people getting sick, and sooner or later you will. So I'm very much a believer in knowing what it is that you love doing so you can do a great deal of it."

Celebrities react

- **Billy Crystal, star, When Harry Met Sally.** "I am very sad to learn of Nora's passing. She was a brilliant writer and humorist. Being her Harry to Meg's Sally will always have a special place in my heart. I was very lucky to get to say her words."
- **Rosie O'Donnell, co-star, Sleepless in Seattle.** "I am devastated. Nora was a close friend and will be missed terribly."

Charlie Sheen: When life imitates 'art'

Bad boy roles. Star's new comedy Anger Management prompts us to ask the question: just how many of Sheen's roles are based on his real life?

AMBER RAY
Metro World News in New York

In the new FX comedy Anger Management, Charlie Sheen steps into his first leading role post Two and a Half Men meltdown. He plays a former major league ballplayer whose career was cut short due to his anger issues, leading to his new gig as a therapist specializing in anger management. Sound familiar?

But it's hardly the first role Sheen has taken that mines some of his personal exploits for inspiration. We run down his resume for autobiographical cues.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Boy in Police Station: Sheen plays a lout blitzed out of his mind who still manages to woo Ferris' sister while she's being questioned in the police station. The details are unconfirmed, but this may very well be how Sheen met his "goddesses."

Platoon

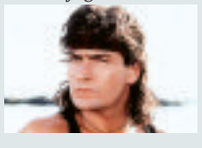
Chris: Sheen's young recruit struggles with the grey area between what is morally right and wrong — perhaps the only time the hard-partying actor has actually contemplated such things.

Wall Street

Bud Fox: A stockbroker determined to make a name for himself. See: Sheen's My Violent Torpedo of Truth/Defeat is Not An Option tour.

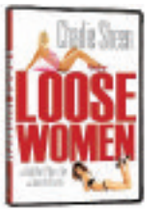
Major League

Ricky "Wild Man" Vaughn: Sheen played baseball in high school; here he stars as a wild, wildly inaccurate pitcher who becomes an ace after the team's manager realizes he needs eyeglasses.



Hot Shots

Lt. Topper Harley: In this Top Gun spoof, Sheen plays a pilot who is described as "talented but unstable." And how accurate.



Loose Women

Barbie-loving bartender: Self explanatory, No?

Spin City

Charlie Crawford: Sheen replaced series star Michael J. Fox as the New York City Deputy Mayor, a slick sarcastic professional who later essentially regressed …

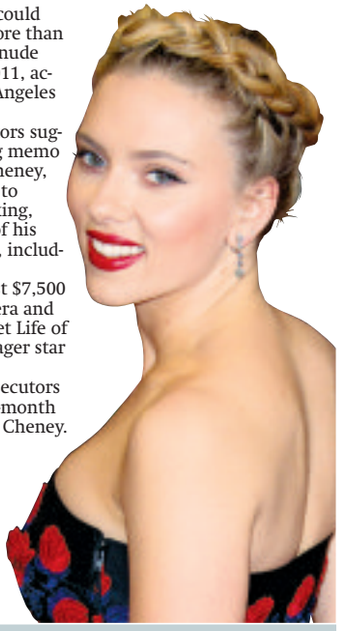
Two and a half Men

Charlie Harper: … into Charlie Harper, the womanizer who became less and less distinguishable between sitcom character and tabloid staple actor.

Anger Management

Charlie Goodson: Charlie Goodson is a reformed bad boy. As for a rehabilitated Charlie Sheen? That remains to be seen.

ScarJo could get paid for leaked nude pics



Scarlett Johansson could be compensated more than $66,000 for having nude photos leaked in 2011, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Federal prosecutors suggest in a sentencing memo that Christopher Cheney, who pleaded guilty to nine counts of hacking, compensate some of his high-profile targets, including Johansson.

They also suggest $7,500 for Christina Aguilera and $76,767.35 for Secret Life of the American Teenager star Renee Olstead.

In addition, prosecutors are suggesting a 71-month prison sentence for Cheney.

Drake

Imagine a Drake-Chris Brown boxing match

Since their alleged feud erupted in a nightclub brawl last week, Drake and Chris Brown have become very public rivals. And now some folks would like to see them duke it out in the ring.

Billionaire Alki David is offering the R&B stars $1 million each — plus an additional million for charity — to strap on gloves for a pay-per-view boxing match, according to the New York Daily News. Boxing promoter Damon Feldman, who's handling the proposed event, thinks it's a brilliant idea, naturally.

"Obviously they have a grudge. It's just three 1-minute rounds. No one will get seriously hurt," he tells the newspaper.

"I would love to have Rihanna as the ring girl."

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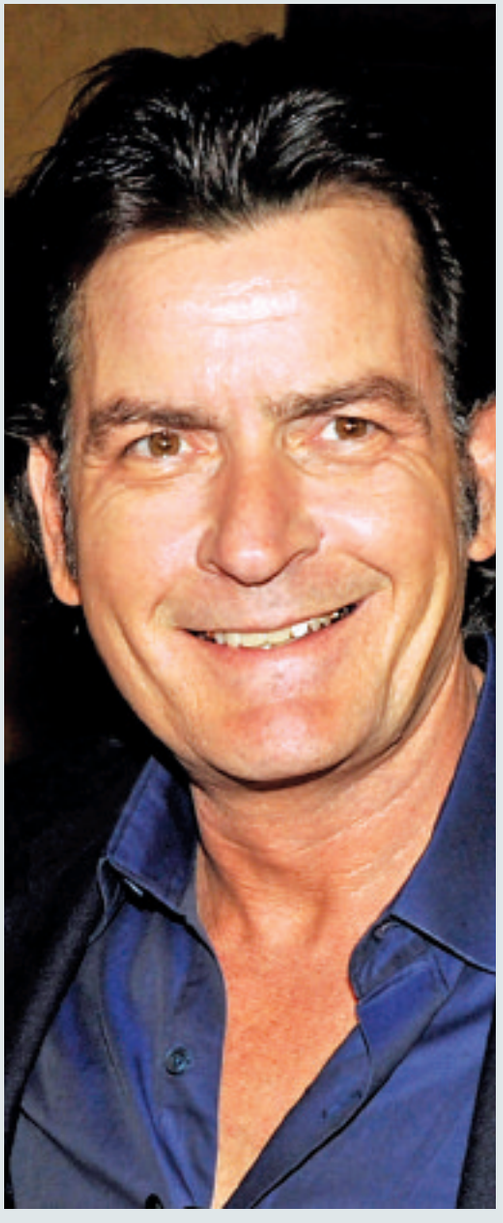

Charlie Sheen, you win this time

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Reports that Charlie Sheen expertly and enthusiastically dismantled another Ritz-Carlton hotel room don't seem to be holding up. While Usmagazine.com claims the actor trashed his suite during a weekend-long party while in New York with ex-wife Denise Richards — which he actually famously did in 2011 before landing in the hospital — his reps and hotel employees are denying he was anything but a well-behaved guest.

TMZ obtained a copy of the bill — why yes, we did feel creepy reading it — and Sheen's version might hold up: Your mom could do more damage to the minibar, and we're pretty sure dry-cleaning isn't a concern when there are coke-dusted porn stars to attend to.

John Travolta. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Travolta surfaces, engages in red-carpet PDA with wife

John Travolta made his first public appearance since being hit with a cavalcade of sexual misconduct lawsuits from various service industry men, and it appears he decided actions would speak louder than words.

Travolta hit the red carpet for the premiere of his latest film, Oliver Stone's Savages, and instead of stopping to give any interviews, he and wife Kelly Preston put on an impressive show of public displays of affection, groping and kissing each other all the way down the carpet, according to Hollyscoop.

The couple literally could not — or at least would not — keep their hands off each other.

The appearance came just hours after a male cruise ship employee filed a federal suit against Travolta claiming sexual misconduct.

Did Depp cheat on Paradis?

Johnny Depp recently bought Amber Heard a horse, but he may have been spending some extracurricular time with his former Rum Diary co-star before splitting with longtime partner Vanessa Paradis.

"He's smitten by her. They started sleeping together during the press tour," a source tells Us Weekly.

As for Paradis, she wasn't amused — another source heard her scream, "If I see her, I'll drown her!"

Noted, Vanessa. And with that, we are officially done talking about your split.

Twitter

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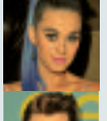
Out of the night that covers me black as a pit from pole to pole I thank whatever Gods may be for my unconquerable soul.



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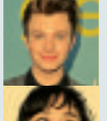

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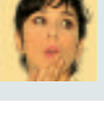

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A drunken screaming fight outside my apt door is a delight to wake up to 2 hours before my alarm

Summer hair SOS

Looking good. Summer has officially arrived, but too much heat, salt and chlorine can really mess with your hair. Now is the perfect time to give your locks some serious TLC. We explain how.

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News in London

This year's schizophrenic weather conditions — scorching heat one day, muggy and wet the next — have probably frazzled and weakened your hair.

Celebrity hair stylist Tommy Buckett, from New York, who has tamed the manes of Ashley Olsen and Emma Stone, talks us through a super simple summer hair-care routine.

Cover up

You've been so focused on getting your body beach ready that you've neglected your hair.

Too much chlorine, sea salt and exposure to the sunlight will cause your hair to look dull and damaged, explains Buckett.

"It's not just your skin that needs protecting. All these things can strip your colour and dry out your hair. So if you want to enjoy the sunshine, you'll have to protect your hair. Wear a hat or a scarf to cover your locks or use a UV protectant spray," says Buckett.

Damage control

No matter how many times you pin or scrape wet hair back it ends up getting stuck to your clammy forehead.

There's no escaping the heat and humidity.

It's easier to damage wet so avoid pulling it up until it's dry.

"Your hair is like a rubber band. It can only be pulled so much before it loses its elasticity and snaps. Over time, pulling it back too tight will cause it to snap where the elastic band is placed.

Loosely tie your hair up or use little tortoise-shell clips if you want to avoid breaking it," adds Buckett.

The perfect beach wave

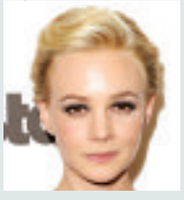
Some people (rather annoyingly) are born with natural loose waves. Brazilian model Gisele Bündchen is the poster girl for sexy beach hair. For those that aren't, there's a quick-fix solution. "The perfect beach wave can be achieved by spraying sea salt spray and using a diffuser.

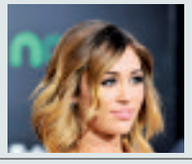
While drying your hair (it's fine to blow-dry your hair just as long as you make sure you're using a heat protector) twist it in big chunks to create a perfect wave," recommends the hairstylist. And if at the end of the day you want to wash out all the products, sand and waves that's fine. Just remember to always use a conditioner. "Summer hair gets dirtier quicker," he says.

Top 3 fuss-free summer 'dos

Beachy. Blake Lively's long, loose layers are the ultimate beach look.

Pixie. A cropped haircut like Carey Mulligan's is low maintenance and will wipe years off your face.





Bob. Layered hair cut just above the neck, like Miley Cyrus, is non-committal and easy curl.

We fixed your hair, but the earrings are up to you GETTY IMAGES

Tommy Buckett's summer-hair essentials

Sachajuan Ocean Mist leave-in formula
$28
sachajuan.com

John Frieda Full Repair: Protecting Root Lift Foam
$6.49
johnfrieda.com

Kérastase Elixir Ultime
$54
kerastase.com

Oribe Dry Texturizing Spray
$39
oribe.com

Pantene Pro-V Root Lifter Spray Hair Gel
$13
pantene.com

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Fashion Flash

Welcome to the Jersey store: Jacob launches new collection

Jacob has fans of jersey in mind as it readies to roll out its new casual chic collection. The Montreal-based retailer will debut Jersey by Jacob next month. The collection includes a selection of camisoles, T-shirts, cardigans, sweaters, leggings, pants, dresses, jackets and scarves in a palette of grey, black and white with touches of pink. In addition to the use of jersey, which is in the moniker for the new line, the collection will also be crafted with a variety of other fabrics such as knitwear, ponte and fleece. Apparel and accessories in the collection will range from $19 to $79. It will be available at the retailer's 85 stores across Canada and online at jacob.ca.

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On the Web

Milan menswear designers dispel gloom over euro-land with a bright summer 2013

This has got to be the best home theatre ever created, hands down. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

A superfan outfitted his home theatre with sci-fi decor, including Han Solo in Carbonite. Here's how the design team pulled it off.

MICHELLE CASTILLO
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The Star Wars room every Jedi wishes he had

It's every little potential Sith Lord's (or lady's) dream to have their own Death Star to call home. And, if they are very lucky, sometimes they can make their dreams a reality.

Mike Dillon from Dillon Works and Eric Ward from Definitive Audio count themselves as some of the few to have ever constructed such a project.

Back in 2001, they were commissioned to build a Death Star home theater, featuring the hundreds of Star Wars memorabilia pieces the client had collected over the years — and this month, it became a sensation online, when a slideshow went viral on sites like Buzzfeed.

The plans had been drawn up by Doug Chiang, the design director for Lucasfilm on Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace and Star Wars Episode 2: Attack of the Clones. All the teams had to do was make it reality. Dillon Works was in charge of the design and installation of the piece. Owner Dillon said his crew watched the films over and over again for inspiration, but it helped that some of the crew were Star Wars fanatics themselves. Plus, the client had specific instructions for their dream theater.

"One important aspect was that the client didn't want the automatic doors to make a 'whooshing' sound because that happens in Star Trek — not Star Wars," Dillon told Metro World News by email.

A Carbonite replica of Han Solo is placed on one of the walls and posters of all the Star Wars films greet moviegoers. Dillion's team even gave the walkways more depth to make it more realistic.

"In the lobby we made walkways that were raised off of the floor," he explained.

"On the floor and ceiling along the sides we installed mirrors. The result is the illusion that the walls seem to go on further giving, the impression like it would look on the Death Star."

While they wouldn't disclose the price, Dillon Works said that it wouldn't be unusual for a project of this magnitude to run between $250,000 and $1 million, not including the audio/visual components.

To make sure the theater had the perfect equipment, Ward — Definitive Audio's director of business development — and his group installed top-notch technology. They periodically return to the home to upgrade the equipment — for example, they recently installed a Blu-ray player — but the initial work remains the same. All together, he estimated that the equipment cost $1 million dollars, including $165,000 each for the front left and right speakers.

"It's crazy," he said. "Even the theaters are catching on, but it has way better sound systems, digital equipment and digital projectors than what's out there."

Ward is used to doing things like hiding speakers behind panels, so they did some neat tricks like creating a projector lift into the ceiling in a separate projection room to hide the equipment.

But, the client decided they liked the exposed speaker look for the theater. The challenge came with trying to fit everything in the room, especially because the walls curved.

Ward is confident that the speakers have stood the test of time and sound better than most theaters, calling the viewing experience in the room "phenomenal."

"The client liked the equipment," Ward said. "So, we had to make it look good. Then we had to make it sound good."

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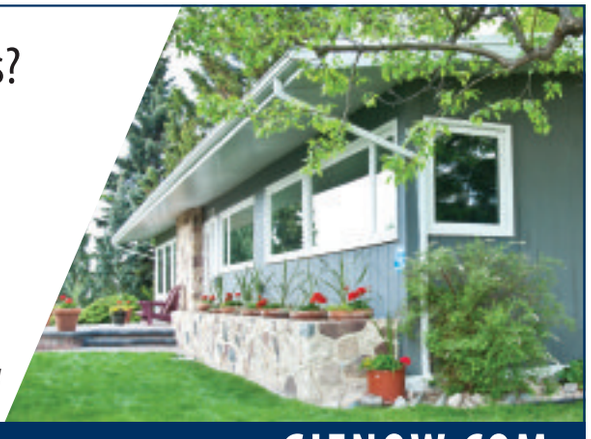

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Easy bathroom upgrades

Decor ideas. It's a small space with infinite possibilities — why not give your loo a little love?

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Q: I can't do a full-on renovation of my 12-year-old condo bathroom right now, but I would like to give it a mini-makeover to add more comfort and style. What can I do?
Deirdre Miller, London, Ont.

Kohler's Hydrorail Column, $441 and up KOHLER.CA

Embrace a new colour

Paint all the remaining wall and ceiling the same colour to add drama to the space.

- **Go dramatic.** A deep grey will blend the brushed metal, carbon tiles and other neutral accessories together and allow other punchy-coloured items to show up beautifully. Wall Street CSP-20, Benjamin Moore Paints. Cost: $50 to $100.

Single Brushed Steel Wall Hook, $17 CRATEANDBARREL.CA

Smart Tiles' Carbon Mosaik, $11, HOMEDEPOT.CA

A: With any short-term decoration project I always recommend going dramatic; this gives you the biggest bang for your buck and creates some drama to tie you over until you can do a full reno.

Here are some ideas and great products that are homeowner-friendly and provide big impact in your bathroom.

I suggest using most of your budget on neutral-coloured products and having fun with punchy towels or small accessories on a smaller budget. This gives you longevity, and it will stay in style until you are ready to make big changes.

Shower with ease: Turn a standard tub into a flexible shower spa with the Hydrorail by Kohler. Choose whichever showerhead works for your comfort and install it easily over your existing tile. It's a great way to turn your tub area into a personal retreat without renovating the entire tub and shower. It'll be dollars spent on just you and your comfort. Cost: $450 to $1,700.

Peel and stick: I love the fun peel-and-stick tiles offer for a kitchen backsplash or in a bathroom. Smart Tile's Carbon Mosaik sheets are made of a gel that make the tiles look 3D. Easy to cut and maintain, simple peel-and-stick tiles on an entire wall in the bath (outside of shower area) creates a trend-setting look and a high-end focal wall. Cost: $250 to $500.

Pebble Mat, $50, CB2 CB2.CA

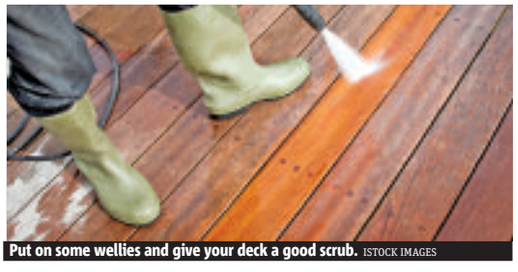
Modern Accessories: With a modern towel rod, shower curtains and hooks will instantly improve and update the look of the bathroom. I like the brushed steel and square designs of Crate and Barrel's Brushed Steel Wall Hooks as they appear to be much more high-end than their price. Try adding two in the shower area for personal towels and one on the back of door for a luxe robe. Cost: $100 to $200.

Go tall: Mounting an outside shower curtain at ceiling height and hanging a long decorative drape hides the shower area, and adds a sense of height to the bathroom while making the room feel like a powder room for guests. Use a synthetic fabric for your drape, and of course use a separate shower curtain liner behind the drape to protect it. Cost: $100 to $300.

Spa Feelings: Little touches like candles, wastebaskets and rugs create that spa feeling when needed. Try to choose accessories that are both decorative and useful; that way guests won't feel like they've invaded your private spa space. I love the smooth pebble mat from CB2; it massages the feet and adds a cool touch when getting out of a warm shower. Cost: $100 to $400.

All hands on deck!

DIY ideas. Just how Yardcore are you? Summertime is all about outdoor living — now's the time to fix up your decking



Put on some wellies and give your deck a good scrub. ISTOCK IMAGES

The Canada Day long weekend is here, which means barbeques, sunshine, long chats and cool drinks — and where better to enjoy these activities than on a beautiful deck!

Landscape professionals Jake and Joel Moss set homeowners up with the yard of a lifetime on Yardcore, and you can bet their projects have featured many beautiful backyard decks.

First steps

Decks provide an extra space to lounge and dine alfresco. They can highlight the design of a yard and maximize outdoor space, and can also be installed where a patio cannot such as on slopes or a rocky terrain.

There are a variety of shapes and materials to choose from but before getting started it's best to consult your city's building codes for any requirements on railing and landing heights.

Selecting materials

There are many different decking materials to choose from and it's a good idea to evaluate the various options before getting started.

Pressure-treated wood is probably the most popular as there is a wide variety of colour and grain options. With this product you can refinish scratches and stains yourself, although it is prone to weathering and splitting.

An alternative is aluminum decking which can last for decades as it is strong, rust-proof and watertight and can also allow for waterproof storage underneath. This choice is pricey and the textured surfaces of aluminum can trap dirt.

A third option is composite decking. This material doesn't require a sealer and can be made into curved shapes which allows for a wide range of designs. It lasts longer than wood and is far more durable, but composites can fade and deep scratches and tough stains may require a board to be replaced.

Deck care

Scrub pressure-treated wood decks once a year using a deck wash and apply a protective sealer every two to three years. If you've selected a metal deck, be sure to sweep and hose regularly. For a deeper clean, use a solution of dishwashing liquid diluted in water and scrub the deck with a soft-bristle broom.

For composite decking, wash away surface dirt weekly and clean once a year with a composite cleaning solution.

BACK-TO-BACK EPISODES OF YARDCORE AIR FRIDAYS BEGINNING AT 9 P.M. ET/PT ON DIY NETWORK CANADA

Don't forget about seating

Installing a permanent wood bench will ensure that there's always enough seating space at a party; colourful pillows can also be added for a fun touch.

- **Cool ideas.** A bright umbrella will provide shade and can complement flowers. Investing in outdoor lighting will also ensure you enjoy your deck long into the warm summer nights.

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Grilled Shrimp Tacos go from food-truck staple to dinner-table fare

Whether you prefer your tacos hard and crunchy or lean more to the softer side, this grilled shrimp filling perfect for a summer barbecue will leave you satisfied.

Shrimp cook quickly, especially on the intense heat of the grill, so be sure to prep your other ingredients ahead of time and set out a buffet of toppings and tortillas. Then just toss the shrimp on the grill and in minutes you'll be enjoying summer just a little bit more.

Ingredients

- 1 lb extra-large shrimp
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp ground cumin
- 2 medium red onions, sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 4 plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 8 taco shells or 6-inch tortillas

1. Heat the grill to high.

2. Place the shrimp in a large bowl. Season with salt, pepper and cumin, then toss to coat evenly.

3. Divide the shrimp among 6 skewers, threading them evenly without crowding them on the skewers. Do the same for the onions.

4. Using an oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs, lightly oil the grill grates. Grill the shrimp for 2 minutes per side and the onions for 5 minutes per side.

5. Chop the grilled red onions and place in a medium bowl. Stir in the celery, tomatoes, chipotle pepper and garlic. Season with salt and black pepper. Set aside.

6. In a small bowl, toss the avocado with the lime juice. In another small bowl, stir together the sour cream and cilantro.

7. To serve, set the shrimp, red onion salsa, avocado and sour cream on the table with the taco shells or tortillas. Diners can assemble their own tacos.

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Grilled Shrimp Tacos

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Book of the week

Street eats love

The best street food is bold, delicious, surprising, over-the-top and eatable on the run. And the best part is now you can make it at home.

Researched by John T. Edge, The Truck Food Cookbook delivers 150 recipes from America's best restaurants on wheels from L.A. and New York to Portland, Austin and more. Hundreds of full-colour photographs capture the lively street food scene and its hip and funky aesthetic.

The resulting menu includes eats such as: Crawfish Pies, Calexico Carne Asada Tacos, Falafel and Egg Hoagies, Cheesesteak Sandwiches, Sweet Potato Cupcakes, Kalbi Beef Sliders and more. METRO

Conquer the massive Rocky Mountain Roast Beef Sandwich

This sandwich combines bold flavours for an intense taste. NEWS CANADA

1. Mayo: Combine mayo, garlic, tomato, avocado, horseradish, mustard and pepper. Mix in food processor; set aside.

2. Caramelize onion in 1 tsp (5 ml) butter and set aside. Separately, slice mushrooms into 12 slices and fry in remaining 1 tsp (5 ml) of butter until golden.

3. Roast red bell pepper rings in 180 C (350 F) oven on baking sheet 15 minutes, turning once. Set aside.

4. Lightly pan fry pancetta and set aside. Separately, lightly pan fry roast beef in spicy BBQ sauce until warm and juicy.

5. Slice half loaf of garlic bread down centre to form base and top of sandwich. Place on a baking sheet and bake in 200 C (400 F) oven 7 minutes, or until golden brown. After removing bread from oven, leave bottom piece of the bread on the baking sheet; set top piece aside.

6. Build sandwich, layering ingredients in order from bottom: 2 slices jalapeno havarti, roast beef, roasted garlic avocado mayo, caramelized onions, golden mushrooms, pancetta, roasted red bell peppers, and 2 more slices of jalapeno havarti. Place in oven on broil 3 minutes, until cheese is melted.

7. Remove base of sandwich from the oven and continue layering ingredients in order: sliced pickles, banana peppers, red onions, shredded lettuce and chives.

8. Place top of bread on finished sandwich and spike with long toothpicks or skewers. Cut in half, take a bite and be prepared for sandwich heaven!

NEWS CANADA/ DITALIANO.CA

Ingredients

Roasted Garlic Avocado Mayo:

- 4 tbsp (60 ml) light mayo
- 5 cloves garlic, roasted
- 1/2 Roma tomato
- 1/2 avocado
- 5 ml (1 tsp) horseradish
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard
- Ground pepper, to taste

- 1/4 Vidalia onion, sliced
- 10 ml (2 tsp) butter
- 5 large button mushrooms
- 3 red bell pepper rings
- 6 slices pancetta bacon
- 10 to 14 oz (300 to 400 g) shaved deli roast beef
- Spicy barbecue sauce
- 1/2 loaf of D'Italiano Garlic Bread
- 4 large slices jalapeno havarti cheese
- Garlic dill pickles, sliced
- Banana peppers
- 4 red onion rings
- Lettuce, shredded
- Chives, dice

Asian Pies. Hand-held, stuffed with chicken and ideal for a picnic lunch

1. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. Remove pie shells from freezer. Let thaw at room temperature for 10 to 15 minutes.

3. Mix together chicken, green onion, soy sauce, teriyaki sauce, honey, sesame oil, garlic, ginger, carrot and 5 ml (1 tsp) of the sesame seeds and set aside.

4. Remove pie shells from foil and flatten on clean, flat, lightly floured work surface. Cut four 7.5-cm (3-inch) squares from each pie shell.

5. Divide chicken mix evenly among 4 squares, mounding in the centre and leaving a 5-mm (1/4-inch) pastry edge.

6. Brush edges of pastry around filling with beaten egg. Top with remaining 4 squares of pastry. Press edges together and crimp with fork. Brush tops with beaten egg and sprinkle with remaining sesame seeds.

7. Bake for 15 minutes or until pastry is golden. Let pies rest for 10 minutes before serving.

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Ingredients

- 2 frozen deep-dish pie shells
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) fully cooked and sliced chicken breast
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sliced green onion
- 10 ml (2 tsp) soy sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) teriyaki sauce
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each honey and sesame oil
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) minced garlic
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) grated ginger
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grated carrot
- 15 ml (3 tsp) toasted sesame seeds
- 1 egg, beaten

Were you born to grill?

Firing up the BBQ. Celebrity chef Rob Rainford provides tips to make barbecue season a success

YLVA VAN BUUREN
For Metro

There's nothing like a backyard barbecue to bring friends and family together, says Canadian chef and grill expert Rob Rainford.

Rainford, who teaches at George Brown College and is the chef at Gossip restaurant in Toronto, says when he is entertaining he will often cook a chicken or a tenderloin — "so I'm not completely straddled to the barbecue, and I can spend time with guests, too." But he is happy cooking a steak or burger to order as well.

Here is how to grill the Rainford way:

• Keep one part of the grill hot and the other at a lower temperature. "Then, depending on the cut of meat, you can sear it on both sides on the hot side, then finish the cooking process more gently on the cooler side of the grill."

• Always bring meat to room temperature before you grill to ensure even cooking.

• To keep meat or fish from sticking to the grill, wipe the cooking grates with vegetable oil before putting food onto them. Also, and this is most important, maintain a high temperature and leave the meat alone for the first 30 to 45 seconds.

• Use a water spray bottle to extinguish flare-ups from dripping juices from the meat. But it may also be better to move the meat to the lower heat side of the grill and finish cooking it that way.

• Watch the food you are grilling at all times. If you are slow grilling — the barbecue is at 100 C (220 F) — you can walk away but be sure to check it every half-hour.

• Let meat rest (even burgers) for about 10 minutes under tented foil before serving.

FLAVOUR TIPS

• Grilled Greens: "I always add a grilled element to salads to add that barbecue flavour," says Rainford. For example, he will take scallions or leeks and grill them quickly and put them into a tossed green salad.

• Smoke It: Consider using wood chips in your barbecue and adding a smoky flavour. There are different kinds depending on what you are grilling. Flavourful woods such as hickory and mesquite go well with ribs while sweeter woods such as apple or cherry are recommended for tuna or chicken.

• Add Some Heat: Rainford, who has Jamaican parents, says you can jazz up any recipe by adding a tablespoon of Jerk sauce to the barbecue sauce you use (he includes recipes in his cookbook).

Celebrity chef Rob Rainford. CONTRIBUTED

Recipe. Rob Rainford's Fired-Up Chicken Wings

Ingredients

- ½ cup (125 ml) canola oil
- ¼ cup (60 ml) Jerk Marinade (see Rainford's Staple Recipes in his book)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chili powder
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) onion powder
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) garlic powder
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) smoked paprika
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 jalapeno chili (for less heat, seed the chili)
- 1 tsp (5 ml) kosher salt
- ½ tsp (2 ml) ground ginger
- 2 lbs (1 kg) chicken wings

1 Combine the canola oil, jerk marinade, chili powder, onion powder, garlic powder, smoked paprika, black pepper, jalapeño, salt and ground ginger in a large bowl.

2 Add the chicken wings and toss to coat evenly. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours or up to 24 hours.

3 Fire up your charcoal. You need a medium-high grilling temp of around 350 F (180 C). Prep the grill for cooking over direct heat. If using a gas barbecue, preheat one side to medium-high and turn the other burner off so you can finish grilling the wings on the cooler side of the grill if they start to char.

4 Remove the wings from the marinade, shaking off the excess. Pat the wings dry with paper towels.

5 Grill the wings, turning often, for 20 to 30 minutes or until golden and the juices run clear. (If using a kamado-style grill, the wings need to be turned just once, halfway through cooking.)Makes two main-course servings; 10 appetizer-size servings.

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NHL

"We are not going to be focusing on winning, winning, winning to the point that it suffocates us and we squeeze our sticks."

New Edmonton Oilers coach Ralph Krueger, who promised a plan to get inside the heads of his young scoring phenoms to keep them loose and make them believe. The Oilers signed Krueger, the associate coach last year, to a three-year deal. He replaces Tom Renney, who was let go as the team's 10th head coach last month.

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On the web

Should there be a rule for how much grunting is acceptable during a tennis match? The women's tour thinks so and is working on a plan to "drive excessive grunting" out of the sport. Scan the code for the story.

Spain players celebrate victory over Portugal Wednesday in Donetsk, Ukraine. LAURENCE GRIFFITHS/GETTY IMAGES

Spain wins despite sputtering offence

Euro 2012 semifinal. Cesc Fabregas scores decisive penalty to send Spaniards to final

Still not pretty to watch, still just as effective.

Spain failed to dazzle yet again at the European Championship, but still advanced to its third straight major championship final by beating Portugal 4-2 in a penalty shootout on Wednesday following a 0-0 draw after extra time.

"We're playing better in defence than what the characteristics of our players would suggest," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "That's what earns victories."

After earning plaudits for the eye-catching one-touch passing that helped Spain win titles at Euro 2008 and the 2010 World Cup, this year's team is struggling to create chances. Against Portugal, the defending champions managed only one shot on target in regulation time.

It didn't matter, though, because the Spanish still came through when it mattered. Cesc Fabregas, who came on as a substitute in the second half of regulation time, scored the deciding penalty after Bruno Alves had hit the crossbar for Portugal moments earlier.

"I played poorly, but the team worked really hard," Fabregas said. "I had this intuition that we could advance if we went to penalties and that's what we did."

Spain will next face either Germany or Italy on Sunday in the final at the Olympic Stadium in Kyiv.

Cristiano Ronaldo had several chances for Portugal, but he sent three shots well over the bar as his team held its own for the entire match. The Real Madrid star, who came alive with three goals in his last two matches at Euro 2012, did not take a penalty in the shootout. He had been slated to take the fifth one, but he never got that far.

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Game plan

Italy plans all-out attack

Italy coach Cesare Prandelli has some questions over his lineup for Thursday's European Championship semifinal with Germany. There's no question, though, over what type of match his team will play.

Despite facing the tournament's most impressive squad thus far, Prandelli promises his team will attack at will.

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NHL

Stanley Cup going on tour

Thirteen American states, five Canadian provinces and its first-ever visit to Slovenia. The Stanley Cup will soon embark on a busy summer tour with the Los Angeles Kings.

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MMA

GSP on the comeback trail

The comeback continues for Georges St-Pierre.

The UFC welterweight champion is back training in Montreal in the wake of reconstructive knee surgery.

Things are going well but he is taking things one step at a time.

"I have to get back very slowly," St-Pierre told The Canadian Press on Wednesday night. "My leg, I cannot go back to full-out sparring (yet). I have to be very careful."

The 31-year-old mixed martial arts star suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament and a small tear to his internal meniscus during a wrestling training session last fall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Lions keeping team intact

Although Mike Benevides has replaced Wally Buono as head coach, the Lions have few new faces as they prepare for Friday's Grey Cup rematch against the Winnipeg Blue Bombers at B.C. Place Stadium.

All of B.C.'s offensive starters have returned and most defensive and special-teams players are back. But the Lions have still made some significant changes, such as making Mike Reilly, who only took six snaps last year, the backup behind starter Travis Lulay.

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Raonic moves on with straight-sets victory

Milos Raonic returns a shot against Santiago Giraldo at Wimbledon on Tuesday. PAUL GILHAM/GETTY IMAGES

It took two days, but 21-year-old Canadian Milos Raonic is through to the second round at Wimbledon.

Raonic advanced with a 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 win over Colombian Santiago Giraldo on Wednesday. He joins Aleksandra Wozniak as the only Canadians left in Wimbledon singles after the first round.

Raonic led 2-0 and was about to serve for the match Tuesday night before rain and darkness forced officials to stop play. Raonic only needed 80 seconds to close out play Wednesday, setting up a second-round meeting with American Sam Querrey on Thursday.

The Thornhill, Ont., native said he treated Wednesday's short stint as a "practice session."

Raonic was playing at the All-England Club for the first time since slipping and hurting his hip in a second-round match against Gilles Muller at last year's tournament. He was forced to retire from that match and remained sidelined until October after requiring surgery.

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Quoted

"They do brief you beforehand. I guess you don't do anything stupid. You behave."

Roger Federer on playing under the watchful eyes of Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, who visited Wimbledon for the first time since 1970. Federer defeated Fabio Fognini 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 on Wednesday. He visited with the royal couple afterward for several minutes.

NBA. Intrigue in Hornets' draft lies in 10th pick

Only a malfunctioning phone will cause Hornets general manager Dell Demps to use the full five minutes he'll get to make six-foot-11 Kentucky star Anthony Davis the first overall pick in Thursday night's NBA draft.

The real intrigue in the Hornets' draft surrounds their 10th-overall choice, which resulted from the deal that sent Chris Paul to the Los Angeles Clippers shortly before last season.

The Hornets could use another big body to bolster their inside play behind Davis, particularly on the heels of last week's trade that sent centre Emeka Okafor to Washington. But Demps and Hornets coach Monty Williams suggested that their options remain open and they could take the player they view as the most talented — regardless of position — when the 10th pick comes up.

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Quoted

"We've done our due diligence."

Hornets GM Dell Demps in response to who the team will draft with the first pick

Olympics

Zelinka undecided about hurdles

Canadian heptathlete Jessica Zelinka hasn't completely ruled out racing the hurdles at the London Olympics, says her coach Les Gramantik.

The Canadian record-holder in the heptathlon is also the country's second fastest female hurdler this season, boasting a time that is world class.

The London, Ont., native overcame chilly, blustery conditions to run 12.76 seconds in the hurdles on Day 1 of the heptathlon Wednesday. She scored 3982 points to lead after Day 1— topping her first-day score at the Beijing Olympics, where she finished fifth.

Brianne Theisen of Humboldt, Sask., who captured her third consecutive NCAA outdoor title earlier this month, is second with 3838. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BoSox snatch win from Jays

Darnell McDonald of the Boston Red Sox leaps to take a home run away from Kelly Johnson of the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday in Boston. Boston's David Ortiz hit his 399th career homer in a 10-4 win.

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NHL. NHLPA sets 31-man negotiating committee, readies for CBA talks

Poised and confident. Calm and ready.

There wasn't the slightest hint of tension in the air as the NHL Players' Association wrapped up executive board meetings Wednesday and shifted its attention to the imminent negotiation of a new collective bargaining agreement.

"We're ready," said Don Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director. "The players are ready, I'm sure the owners are ready. It's time to start."

The first formal session will be held Friday in New York. The sides also have plans to meet again late next week and are expected to continue holding regular sessions until a new deal can be hammered out.

On Wednesday, Fehr unveiled a 31-player negotiating committee that includes a true cross-section of the union's membership: recognizable faces in Henrik Zetterberg, Shea Weber and Shane Doan; journeymen in Dominic Moore, Alex Auld and Craig Adams; and even John Tavares, who is only 21 years old and just completed his entry-level contract.

Expiry date

The current collective bargaining agreement expires Sept. 15.

He came away from three days of meetings feeling "excited" about where the union stands.

"Don's done a great job of relating to guys like me and helping us understand it and be a part of it," said Tavares. "I'm just trying to represent the young guys as much as I can and give them some guidance and some info."

Fehr wouldn't offer any predictions on how things might unfold at the bargaining table. He believes the first order of business will be coming to a common understanding of where the industry stands right now — with Fehr noting more than once that commissioner Gary Bettman proudly announced record annual revenues of $3.3 billion US during the Stanley Cup.

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Saskatchewan Roughriders quarterback Darian Durant, shown during a November 2009 game, is looking to rebound from a down season. GEOFF HOWE/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

QB moves will make for tight race in East

CFL. Pivots in the West outside of B.C.'s Lulay surrounded with question marks

Ricky Ray in Toronto, Henry Burris in Hamilton and Steven Jyles starting in Edmonton.

There was no shortage of CFL quarterbacks on the move this off-season. That should make for a tight race in the East Division and plenty of debate in the West, at least outside of British Columbia where incumbent Travis Lulay is coming off winning a Grey Cup and outstanding player award.

Anthony Calvillo, who turns 40 on Aug. 23, is back for at least one more campaign in Montreal. Buck Pierce and Darian Durant return as starters in Winnipeg and Saskatchewan, respectively, while Drew Tate begins his first full season as the No. 1 quarterback in Calgary.

Ray began his CFL career with Edmonton in 2002 and led the club to two Grey Cup titles before the Eskimos' stunning decision to trade him to Toronto on Dec. 12 for Jyles, kicker Grant Shaw and a 2012 draft pick.

Adding a veteran quarterback who has long been one of the CFL's best pure passers should drastically improve a Toronto team looking to contend for a spot in the 100th Grey Cup game, which will be played at Rogers Centre on Nov. 25. Ray was third in the league last year with 4,594 yards through the air.

The 32-year-old Ray will face a difficult challenge right off the bat as Toronto kicks off the 2012 season in Edmonton on Saturday night.

"You're going to look at them as another team, a team that you're not worried about other than going in there and getting a win," Ray said of facing the Eskimos. "That's what is tough about this league, especially now with players moving around."

Hamilton is hoping the 37-year-old Burris can recapture the form he showed in 2010 when he led Calgary to a 13-5 record and was named the CFL's outstanding player.

But Burris had his problems last year, resulting in Stampeders coach John Hufnagel sitting him the final three games of the season in favour of Tate. Burris ended the campaign with 3,687 passing yards, down from nearly 5,000 the year before.

In the West, the Lions will be heavy favourites with Lulay, whose superb 2011 campaign earned him a two-year contract extension. B.C. rebounded from a dreadful 0-5 start to become an unstoppable force by playoff time, with Lulay taking Grey Cup MVP honours.

Saskatchewan fans will be looking for their entire team to rebound, including Durant, after a miserable 5-13 season that followed consecutive Grey Cup appearances.

Everything went south in 2011, as Durant plunged from a league-best 5,542 passing yards in 2010 to only 3,687, with 20 TDs.

Calgary picked up veteran Kevin Glenn in the Burris deal but it will be Tate under centre to start the season Sunday against Calvillo and the Alouettes.

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And still going...

Some thought Calvillo would retire this off-season with some impressive records under his belt:

- Pro football's all-time passing leader (73,412 yards)
- CFL leader in completions (5,444) and TDs (418) in 2011

Quoted

"I'm still a little kid in my mind, playing this great game of football."

Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo, who turns 40 on Aug. 23

Canadians in the running for Espys

Canadian kickboxer Baxter (One Arm Bandit) Humby has been nominated for best male athlete with a disability in the Espy Awards.

Humby, a native of Winnipeg who now makes his home in Los Angeles, is missing a right hand as a result of his arm being caught on his mother's umbilical cord and severed while in the womb.

He is the current International Muay Thai Council world super-welterweight champion. He is up against MMA fighter Kyle Maynard, wheelchair racer Raymond Martin, cyclist Oz Sanchez and skier Tyler Walker.

Dwayne de Rosario
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Toronto's Dwayne de Rosario of D.C. United is a candidate for best MLS player, along with David Beckham (Los Angeles Galaxy), Brad Davis (Houston Dynamo) and Chris Wondolowski (San Jose Earthquakes).

Montreal freestyle skier Kaya Turski, a three-time Winter X Games champion in slopestyle, is nominated for best female action sports athlete.

Winners of the Internet vote will be announced July 11 in Los Angeles.

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Roger Clemens

Witness wasn't credible, juror says

A juror in the Roger Clemens perjury case tells The Associated Press the key prosecution witness in the case wasn't credible.

The witness, Brian McNamee, was Clemens' longtime strength coach. McNamee testified he injected the star pitcher with steroids and human growth hormone. But McNamee's physical evidence was kept in a beer can and his story changed over time.

Juror Bradford Weaver says McNamee wasn't credible for the jury because of a lack of "truthfulness."

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Ryder Cup. U.S. captain selects longtime friends as two of his assistants

U.S. captain Davis Love III selected a pair of longtime friends, Fred Couples and Mike Hulbert, as his assistants for the Ryder Cup. He said Wednesday they will help him choose his two other assistant captains for the Sept. 28-30 matches at Medinah.

Neither selection was a big surprise.

Couples last month at the Memorial let slip that he would be an assistant to Love, and then tried to cover his mistake by saying he was only helping him out.

Quoted

"Those were my natural choices. My next two are going to be harder."

U.S. captain Davis Love III on selecting assistant captains for his team at the Ryder Cup

European captain Jose Maria Olazabal has not announced his four assistant captains.

Love also announced that the Ryder Cup would begin with foursomes matches.

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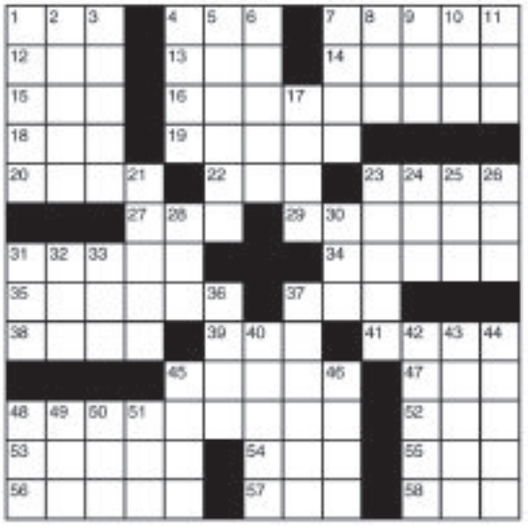

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals D

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Your confidence may be high today but you would be wise not to let your enthusiasm get the better of you. It may turn people against you.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. What changes can you introduce to make your life more exciting? Give it some thought and when you come to the conclusion, draw up a plan.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. The only danger now is that you will focus on one aim to the exclusion of everything else and miss out on other possibilities. Don't switch off the world around you.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Partners and colleagues are in a talkative mood and some of the things they have to say will not only be interesting but could even help your career.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You have a lot on your plate at the moment but the lion's share of your work is for the benefit of other people. That needs to change.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Planets are tempting you to make big claims for yourself, which could lead to problems when others discover you lack relevant experience.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. What happens today may seem chaotic but if you stand back and take a broader perspective of the situation you will see there is a pattern to events. Rise above petty issues.

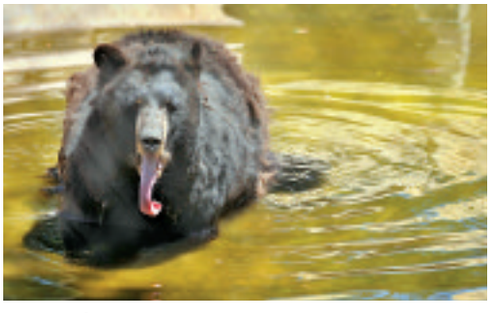
Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. A change of scene will do you a world of good. The more you are on the move, the more likely it is you will discover something, or someone, that makes life worth living again.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You may have to use a bit of muscle to get what you need today but watch out you don't annoy someone whose assistance you will need in the very near future.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Make big plans for the next few days — the bigger the better. What happens next week will help you turn your plans into reality.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You may be held back by circumstances beyond your control but don't fight it — go with the flow.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. The Sun in Cancer boosts your confidence but there is a danger today that you could get carried away and say or do something that upsets an authority figure you need to get along with. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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